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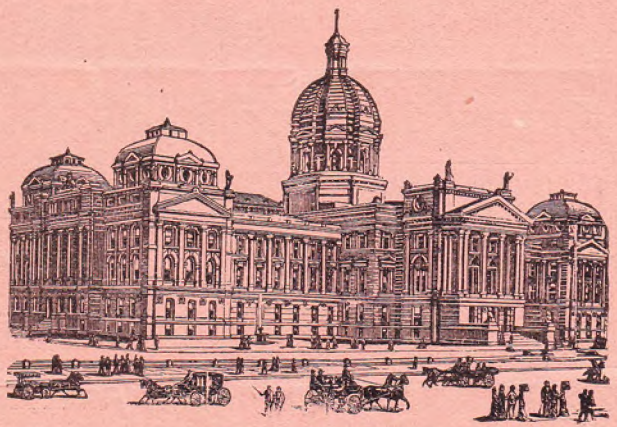

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PORTRAITS ON STAMPS.

LIST OF THE MEN WHO HAVE BEEN VOUCHSAFED THE HONOR.

The first issue of postage stamps was authorized by act of Congress, March 3, 1847. Since that date the features of no less than than fifty-eight distinguished Americans have been placed upon the postage and fiscal stamps issued by the government. In 1875 a law was passed forbidding the engraving of portraits of living men after that date on any of the stamps, notes or other securities of the government. Previous to the passage of this law, however, the honor had been given to a number of well known living statesmen or officials. Those whose portraits have adorned both the postage and revenue stamps are Henry Clay, James A. Garfield, Ulysses S. Grant, Alexander Hamilton, Andrew Jackson, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Winfield Scott, William H. Seward, Edwin M. Stanton, Zachary Taylor, George Washington and Daniel Webster.

Two portraits have appeared only on postage stamps, to-wit: those of Benjamin Franklin and Oliver H. Perry.

A large list, however, is made up of the names of those who have appeared upon the fiscal and revenue stamps exclusively, as follows: John Adams, John Quincy Adams, William Bainbridge, James B. Beck, William W. Belknap, Thomas H. Benton, George S. Boutwell, David K. Carter, Salmon P. Chase, John J. Cisco, DeWitt Clinton, Thomas Corwin, Henry L. Dawes, Columbus Delano, John A. Dix, John W. Douglas, David G. Farragut, William P. Fessenden, Millard Fillmore, John Hancock, William H. Harrison, James Harlan, Andrew Jackson, Hugh McCulloch, James Madison, James Monroe, Lot Morrill, William Orton, George Peabody, Alfred Pleasanton, John A. Rawlins, William A. Richardson, Philip H. Sheridan, John Sherman, William T. Sherman, Francis E. Spinner, Thaddeus Stevens, George H. Thomas, Martin Van-Buren, Morrison R. Waite, Levi Woodbury, Silas T. Wright and Oliver Wolcott.

No one of all the Americans whose portraits have appeared on postage stamps is now living, but of those whose faces have been engraved on revenue stamps, ten still survive, viz.: Messrs. Boutwell, Carter, Dawes, Delano, Douglas, Harlan, McCulloch, Pleasanton, Richardson and John Sherman.

THE BROWNIES AT THE STAMP STORE.

This night, one of the dreary kind,
No out-door work could Brownies find.
They waited safely in their dell
Until old Sol was hidden well.
Naught could be seen but darkest cloud.
The Brownie leader spoke aloud.
Said he, "I saw the other night
A most enhancing, charming sight
As I was passing by a store,
A sight I've never seen before.
The window, by the light of lamps,
Disclosed a thousand kinds of stamps
From all the corners of the earth
Where e're a man was given birth.
All stamps from light to darkest shade
On neat approval sheets displayed.
'Tis such an interesting show
I think we'd better thither go,
And see what else the shelves adorn
Before the clock foretells the morn.

Each Brownie's heart leaped at the thought
Of some new pleasure yet unsought,
And by that mystic Brownie skill
Which conquers distance at their will
They reached the store, and once inside
The eyes of watchmen they defied.

These merry, happy little elves
Took down the packets from the shelves;
As well as sheets and albums too,
And crowded round to look them through.
Some took possession of the books
And conned them o'er with pleased looks,
While others broke the packet's seal
And closely scanned each stamp with zeal.

Old Uncle Sam, with long tailed coat,
To those around him said, "Just note
The color of that stamp, *'tis pink*,
Issued in sixty-one, I think;
You bet your Uncle Sammy knows
The diff. between the pink and rose."
(He's just exactly in our plight
Who think *we* know the wrong from right.)

Mekeel's Address Book, laying round
One of the Brownie band has found,
And looking o'er the book exclaims,
"Here must be 'bout a million names
Of people scattered o'er the earth
Who see the pleasure and the worth
Of gath'ring in each kind of stamp
Between the album's gilded clamp.
It seems to me, that if such part
Of the earth's people love this art,
We surely could not be deceived
If we, too, in their creed believed;
And therefore, I, your leader, move
We take a vote, that thus to prove
If, urged by what to-night we've seen
We choose Philately as our Queen."

Each Brownie, longing still for more
Acquaintance with the stampic lore,
There was not one dissenting voice;
They found the hobby of their choice.

By rosy tinge of eastern skies,
They knew the day-king soon must rise
And carefully the stamps replaced
With much regret, and made all haste
With noiseless tread of fairy feet,
To safely reach their snug retreat.

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Editorial.

During the last year the Dead Letter Department of the Post Office received 7,320,038 pieces of mail, containing money, post office orders, drafts, etc., amounting to $2,346,170

Mr. Chris. Peterson, now of the firm of Pierce & Peterson, has sent us two of his World's Fair Souveniers. One is a plain 1c. Columbian envelope, while the other has a 1c. Liberia stamp affixed. Both were mailed at the World's Fair Station, October 9th, Chicago Day.

Mr. Peterson predicts a big corner in Columbians. He says the greater part of what he sells go either to New York or Europe.

George H. Bennett, a druggist of Terre Haute, is charged with using the mails to defraud. He advertised for postage stamps of any description, requesting applicants to send stamps for approval, and it is alleged that he forged the names of President McKeen and H. Holman to certificates of good character. Stamps sent to him were not returned.

Mr. J. P. Glass, of Chicago, one of the trustees of the Philatelic Sons of America, is sending in his resignation to all stamp societies. We are sorry to hear this, as Philately will loose a good writer.

With this number we advance the subscription price of the HOOSIER STAMP to thirty-five cents per year, but we are still giving away some valuable premiums free to new subscribers. For particulars, see advertisement on second cover page and take advantage of it at once, as this is something that you can not afford to miss.

We had hoped that we would be able to announce the names of the successful competitors in the Hoosier Prize Contest in the January number, but so much work is involved in looking over the lists that we will not be able to announce the winners until the next issue.

With the February number the advertising rates of the HOOSIER STAMP will be advanced. Advertisements for the February number will be received at the old rate, however, but cash must in all cases be sent in advance. This is the cheapest advertising rate in the United States, and dealers would do well to take advantage of it without further delay.

The Philatelic Sons of America now has a membership of four hundred and twenty, having admitted 140 new members this month. If you are not already a member, you should join at once. Application blanks may be had at this office, or of the Secretary, Mr. R. W. Ashcroft, 120 N. Fifth St., Philadelphia, Pa.

The daily total weight of mails received and dispatched at the New York Post Office last year was 386 tons.

Phillip Heinsberger is again at his fraudulent work under his many aliases.

The supply of one and two cent Columbian stamps at the Indianapolis postoffice has been exhausted and no more are to be had. The higher values are still on sale, though the stock of some of the more generally used values is running low. During the last two weeks 1,200,000 Columbian stamps were sold at this office.

Harper's Young People is following the example of St. Nicholas and is publishing stamp news.

THE FIRST LETTER ENVELOPE.

An article in this day's Post gives May 6, 1840 as the date when postage stamps were first introduced; England having taken the lead in this improvement. Now, will anybody tell us when letter envelopes as now in use were first made? I have the proof sheet of what Sir Rowland Hill informed me when he presented it to me at his home in London, the 17th of June, 1867, was that of the first envelope ever invented. It is commercial note size, and the upper side and each end are illustrated by various pictures, the leading interpretation of which would seem to be the spread of intelligence throughout the world.—Horatio King, in Washington Post.

THE COLUMBIAN STAMPS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.

The disposing of the heavy issue of Columbian stamps has been settled by an order made at the Post Office Department yesterday. It calls for 165,653,745 stamps, valued at about $3,000,000. These will be issued to eight large post offices and about 485 minor post offices throughout the country. New York City

alone will get an amount valued at $450,000. This final order effectually disposes of a problem which has confronted the department officials for some months.

Post Master General Wanamaker, on ordering the series to be printed, contracted for three billion of stamps. Post Master General Bissell, upon entering the office, found that this amount was greatly in excess of the demand, and succeeded in reducing the order to two billion. Despite this reduction, the question of disposing of the issue has created great anxiety among the officials. During the past month 350,000,000 of the stamps were ordered for post masters by the department.

ARE THEY IN THE CIVIL SERVICE?

Some three hundred and odd cats are maintained by the United States Government, the cost of their support being carried as a regular item on the accounts of the Post Office Department. These cats are distributed among about fifty post offices, and their duty is to keep rats and mice from eating and destroying postal matter and canvas mail sacks.

TO NUMBER POSTAGE STAMPS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 19.

The Post Office Department is inclined to regard with favor a suggestion that has been made that postage stamps should be numbered, precisely in the same manner as treasury notes. Some such means of identification as this has been found necessary owing to the numerous robberies of stamps in bulk from post offices in different parts of the country, a species of crime which seems of late to be considerably on the increase.

SOME POSTAL STATISTICS.

A statement prepared at the Post Office Department shows that during the fiscal year the total number of pieces of letter mail sent in the domestic mails of the United States was 2,407,810,175, of which 2,321,314,563 were paid at letter rates and 86,495,612 were sent on official business. There were also 535,917,899 postal cards handled.

The number of newspapers and periodicals mailed by publishers in the several counties of publication, free, was 382,861,271. Newspapers and periodicals mailed by others than publishers and news agents, 71,078,777.

The total second class handled was 1,434,245,632 pieces; third class matter, books, pamphlets, etc., 595,134,179 pieces; fourth class matter, 48,733,181 pieces, making a grand total number of pieces of domestic mail matter handled of 5,021,841,056.

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